

MINUTES

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD

September 5, 2007

Room 402 – 4th Floor – 08:30 A.M
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 08:35 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:21 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Told, *Chairman*
Gloria Miley
David Halverson
Ed Gongaware
Travis Dalley

DOPL STAFF: F. David Stanley, *Division Director*
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Katie Tris, *Board Secretary*
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*

VISITORS: Robert Dudley, *Harris-Dudley Plumbing*
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Technical College*
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*
Jeff Pedersen, *Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors*
Wil Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Lori Stewart, *Mountainland Applied Technical College*
John Walker, *Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors*

BUSINESS: David Told the board chairman opened the meeting at 08:35 a.m.

MINUTES: Ed Gongaware made a motion to accept the August 2007 board minutes as written. Gloria Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

SUPERVISION:

F. David Stanley, during the August board meeting, discussed the topic of supervision for the various licensed professions the division regulates to see if it was possible to standardize the various definitions of supervision. Told at that time asked the board members to review the various or global definitions as presented by Stanley and be prepared to address the issue at this board meeting. David Halverson made a motion to accept the global definitions of supervision as written and presented by Stanley. Travis Dalley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

PROPOSED RULE HEARING

The hearing for the proposed changes to the administrative rules for the Construction Trades Licensing Act took place before the Construction Services Commission on August 29, 2007. In the proposed rules, the S214 Water Conditioning Equipment Contractor license classification would have been changed to Water Conditioning and Potable Water Heater Equipment Contractor. This change was opposed by the members of the plumbing board and the Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors Association (UPHCA). Jeff Pedersen, the executive director of UPHCA, reviewed a letter he sent for the association during the comment period for the proposed rules. Pedersen was present at the hearing along with Robert Dudley. Told was there as a member of the commission. According to Told, the commission rejected the change to the S214. The commission voted to move the proposed rules forward using the current language for the S214 license classification.

**DISCUSS REWORDING
S210 GENERAL PLUMBING
CONTRACTOR**

The issue of a city requiring an engineers stamp on layouts for residential radiant heat and snow melt systems was continued from the previous meeting. Robert Dudley proposed adding the words "design and layout" to the present S210 General Plumbing license classification. Design and layout were functions of engineers and architects and were covered in their licensing acts.

However, the Utah Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act (58-22-305(1)(b) and the Utah Architects Licensing Act (58-58-3a-304(1)(b) exempted a person preparing a plan and specifications for a residence up to two stories in height not including the basement. Concerns of Dudley's proposal included: The S210 also did commercial jobs where this would not apply and including design into the definition of the S210 would most likely result in higher insurance rates. Dennis Meservy suggested adding the word "layout" to the S217 Residential Plumbing classification. The board thought this was a good idea. Halverson made a motion to add the word "layout" to the S217 classification. The motion was seconded by Dalley and all members voted in favor.

UPCOMING STATE LEGISLATION

Jeff Pedersen indicated the associations and plumbing contractors were in support of the master plumber license classification. The legislation to create the master plumber failed last year and in order for it to succeed this year everyone needed to work together.

The legislation to increase the handyman exemption from licensing to five thousand dollars failed last year, but is expected to resurface again this year. The board members do not support an increase in the handyman exemption. A building inspector can require licensed contractors to correct their work to be in compliance with building codes. Contractors that do not comply can lose their licenses. Since handymen are not licensed, this same standard does not apply to them. Additionally, this legislation would have a huge negative fiscal impact to the state's construction service industry and would all but deregulate the burglary alarm industry.

RECIPROCAL

Katie Tris and Gongaware phoned Washington State and found their journeyman plumbing requirements were not equal to ours. Washington only required on the job work experience hours and is on a different code.

Tris was asked by the board to contact Montana to see if there was any possibility of having reciprocity with that state and to report back to the board in their October meeting.

THOMSON PROMETRIC

The board reviewed the test score reports from Thomson Prometric the test provider for the state.

APPLICATION REVIEW

The board did not have any out of state applications.

All business concluded, meeting adjourned.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

(ss) David Told
Chairperson

Date: 10/03/2007

(ss) Dennis Meservy
Bureau Manager

Date: 10/03/2007